

North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 14–17, the residents of Buffalo gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Buffalo is a vibrant and active community in eastern North Dakota with a population of more than 200 people. Despite its small size, Buffalo holds an important place in North Dakota's history. Buffalo, like most small towns in North Dakota, got its start when the railroad stretched throughout the State. In 1883, the postmaster, Charles A. Wilder, named the community Buffalo in honor of the secretary of the Northern Pacific Railway, who was born in Buffalo, NY.

Buffalo has a very active historical society that has worked to restore two unique properties, the Old Stone Church and the 1916 High School, both of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The restoration of the Old Stone Church, in particular, has received national attention. In 1999, it was awarded a National Trust for Historic Preservation Honor Award. Buffalo is the only community in North Dakota to ever receive the award, and it is the smallest community in the Nation to ever receive the award. The restoration of this prairie church united the community and preserved an important piece of our State's history. The residents of Buffalo can be extremely proud of their efforts to preserve these historic places.

For those who call Buffalo home, it is a comfortable place to live, work, and play. Today, Buffalo is home to a café, gas station and repair shop, bank, day care, heritage museum and much more. The community had a wonderful celebration that included an all school reunion, parade, car show, street dance, fireworks, and games.

I ask the Senate to join in me congratulating Buffalo, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Buffalo and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Buffalo that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Buffalo has a proud past and a bright future.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWNS OF MOORESTOWN AND CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY

● Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Moorestown and Chatham, NJ, on being named two of the best places in the country to live. It is only fitting that an acclaimed national magazine recognized what I have always known—New Jersey is a great State in which to live.

Moorestown and Chatham received these top honors based upon the following criteria: business climate, eco-

nomic well being, quality of life, and a positive environment in which to work and raise a family. New Jersey's tourism industry, scenic beauty, low crime rate, high-quality education, community spirit, parks and recreation, make my State attractive for many families and businesses.

Moorestown, a 15-square-mile, tree-lined, suburban town, was named the No. 1 place to live in America. This lovely little hamlet, located in Burlington County, prides itself on its historic buildings, charming customs, and social conscience. One of its nicest traditions is its "Random Act of Kindness Week," a time when its citizens are encouraged to practice the virtue of good deeds, not only for the neediest, but for their next-door neighbors as well. Only moments away from Philadelphia, it has a booming economy with numerous manufacturing facilities, high-tech firms, and defense contractors. Moorestown is also home to many cultural arts venues and recreational facilities. As many of the families that have lived there for generations will tell you, this town is truly the perfect place to raise a family and call home.

One of our other great towns, Chatham, NJ, was ranked the ninth most desirable place to live in the country. This small wonder of Morris County, sits on the banks of the Passaic River, and is home to many of the historic manufacturing plants of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Today, Chatham relies on many major technology and communications firms to help boost this small metropolis to the forefront of the Nation. Chatham is a great place to raise a family as well, with its many fine schools and close proximity to New York City. It is also home to a national wildlife refuge, which residents fought to protect from developers.

It is no surprise that my home State of New Jersey is the only place with two towns in the top 10 list. Moorestown and Chatham both deserve these high honors. I applaud the local officials, enterprising business men and women, and the committed citizens of these great towns. I am proud to represent them in the U.S. Senate, and wish them all the best in the future.●

A TRIBUTE TO THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and to honor the work of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, whose annual conference will be held in my home State of Kansas. As you may know, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has a magnificent and marvelous history in this country. The A.M.E. Church was the first African American Church founded in this Nation. Borne out of the struggle to worship our almighty and benevolent Father without persecution, the A.M.E. Church was founded in order that African Americans could worship freely.

And unlike the churches of their time, the co-founder, Bishop Richard Allen, insured that any person regardless of race, creed, or color could worship in church.

It is with that spirit and the spirit of benevolence toward one another that the Women's Missionary Society was formed. Through the vision of Mrs. Sarah Allen, the wife of Bishop Richard Allen, there was formed the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in an effort to mobilize and encourage women in the area of missions. Today the missionary society is still committed to spreading the principles of Christian love and boasts a membership of over 800,000 worldwide. It is their charge and duty to serve God in all they do and to assist in the progression of serving all people worldwide.

Indeed, the Women's Missionary Society has a wonderful 130 year history within the A.M.E. Church. In early 1900s the Kansas/Nebraska Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society was formed. At this time, Kansas/Nebraska conference began to serve and meet the needs of the church and the community. During their 130 year history, the Missionary Society encountered many social challenges. And holding true to their legacy, they learned to adjust, adapt, and to be of service to the A.M.E. Church and the African American community. As a conference, they sponsor and hold workshops and seminars to educate the A.M.E. Church and the community on social issues that affect the Black community daily.

The Kansas/Nebraska Missionary Society has had several Episcopal supervisors who met the challenges of mission with the A.M.E. Church and the African American community in general. Today, the missionary society has opened a new chapter of missions with a Supervisor who has a global mission to serve abroad as well as at home, Reverend Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant, who is affectionately known as "Rev. C."

Holding true to the A.M.E. Church legacy, Rev "C" is a true visionary. Under the direction of Rev. "C," the missionary society will create opportunities for those in need, obtain resources for the changing needs and work to address the concerns of people throughout the world. They will also offer aid and assistance to women's organizations throughout the world as well. They also plan to pray and enthusiastically send the message throughout the Nation and the world that prayer will and can make a difference.

On the evening of September 6, 2005, at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Topeka, KS, the Kansas/Nebraska Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will proclaim "The Healing of the Nations" as they explore and tell the story of the women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India and the Boothleel of Missouri.

Mr. President, it is quite evident that the Kansas/Nebraska Women's Missionary Society is ready to accept the challenges to move forward and continue to serve this Nation and the world in the areas of missions.●

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF COLMAN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the town of Colman, South Dakota. On August 13, 2005, Colman citizens celebrate their community's proud past as well as their hope for a promising future.

Located in Moody County, Colman is a small community nestled amongst the fertile farmland of eastern South Dakota. The town got its start with the help of the railroad, specifically the Milwaukee line, as it made its way into the western United States. Platted in 1880, Colman was originally named Allenson, in honor of the Allen family who donated the town site in 1880. Not long thereafter, however, it was renamed Colman, honoring the town's prosperous Colman Lumber Company.

Colman experienced a great deal of economic prosperity in the early 20th century. Although only a fraction of the businesses Main Street once boasted are still in operation, it is clear Colman was a lively, self-sufficient city with a variety of goods and services to offer. The bustling community included a grain elevator, a flourishing mill, both a dairy and dairy delivery service, a trucking service, a doctor, a weekly newspaper, and a theater that showed movies every night of the week. One of Colman's oldest businesses is the Farmers Cooperative Elevator, which is still in use today. Although it was established in 1898, the structure was destroyed and had to be rebuilt in 1941. Additionally, Colman's first school was a one-room building near the western outskirts of the town.

On January 28, 1901, the first issue of The Colman Argus was published by Bert H. Berry. In April of that year, Berry sold the weekly paper to F.F. French, who owned and edited it until his death in 1931. French's son, F. Philo French, continued to print the publication for the next 26 years, and then passed it on in 1957 to his widow, Lulu French, who eventually sold the paper in 1971, upon her retirement.

In the last three decades, Colman has evolved into a peaceful and quiet community that is great for retirees, those raising children, and everyone in between. The curtailment of the railroad, in addition to the improvement of roads and alternate routes that sidestepped Colman, caused people to travel to larger towns in the State to conduct their business. Nevertheless, technology and progress can never touch the firm resolve and remarkable work ethic that is characteristic of the great people of this country's heartland. The innovation and determina-

tion of the individuals who had the courage to make a home for themselves on the plains of the Dakotas serves as inspiration to all those who believe in the honest pursuit of their dreams. Colman's proud 560 residents celebrate their city's vibrant 125 year history and the legacy of the pioneer spirit on August 13th, 2005.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1797. An act to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydro-power by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 59. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the women suffragists who fought for and won the right of women to vote in the United States.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 181. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

At 1:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 904. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill H.R. 2985 making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. KINGSTON, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. OBEY, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

At 4:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 2361 making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the con-

ference on the part of the House: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. WAMP, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. DICKS, Mr. OBEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. MOLLOHAN.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 181. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1797. An act to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydro-power by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3177. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2004 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3178. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial condition of the American Legion as of December 31, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3179. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authority for Practitioners To Dispense or Prescribe Approved Narcotic (Opioid) Controlled Substances for Maintenance or Detoxification Treatment" (RIN1117-AA68) received on July 21, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3180. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of the Exemption of Sales by Retail Distributors of Pseudoephedrine and Phenylpropanolamine Products" (Docket No. DEA-239T) received on July 21, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3181. A communication from the Assistant Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the High Valley Viticultural Area (2003R-361P)" (RIN1513-AA79)(T.D. TTB-30) received on July 21, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3182. A communication from the Assistant Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Alexandria